

REMARKS

Claims 9 and 22-34 were previously withdrawn, and are canceled by this paper. Claims 43-55 are added by this paper. Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are fully supported by the specification as filed, and that no new matter is added. Thus, Claims 6-8, 10-18, 20, 21, and 35-55 are pending.

This paper is being submitted concurrently with a Notice of Appeal, and the pending Office Action is non-final. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 714, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendments.

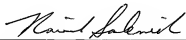
Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Although claims are being canceled herein, the claim cancellations are being made without prejudice and Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations of this application are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the application. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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